



## Mr. John Austin (Jack) Walsh

December 14, 2011

Jack died peacefully at home in Toronto on Wednesday, December 14th, 2011 surrounded by his family. He was 81 years old. Jack will be lovingly remembered by his wife Ann, his children Maryann (Doug), Mark (Katharina), Stephen (Laurie), Anthony (Susan), David (Deb) and Andrew (Karin), and his thirteen adoring grandchildren Christopher, Noah, William, Titia, Cecilia, Jack, Charlotte, Robert, Catherine, Sofia, Lucy, Theresa, and Erika. Jack will also be greatly missed by his brother Mike (Linda), and by his brothers-in-law Tom (Cherie) and Ron.

Jack was born in North Bay, and grew up in Montreal where he graduated with a B.A. from Sir George Williams College. In 1951, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army, and served as a tank commander with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Germany. He completed his MBA at the University of Western Ontario in 1955, and subsequently worked for Dupont Canada, beginning as a cellophane salesman and ending up as Vice President of Corporate Affairs. During his time with Dupont, Jack lent his considerable expertise to the Canadian Government and the Canadian Chemical Producers Association, serving on the Neilson Task Force in 1984, and contributing to the development of the 1987 Montreal Protocol banning CFCs. Upon retiring, he entered a new phase of his career by opening a management and environmental consulting firm in which he worked alongside his greatest business partner – Ann – from 1991 until 2008. Jack volunteered

widely and tirelessly in Montreal and then, up until the very end, in Toronto.

Jack will be remembered by his family as a great and giving man – a teacher, a musician, a painter, a carpenter, a trickster, a skateboarder, a gardener, a boogie-boarder, a story-teller, and, above all, an inspiration.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Leslie Adcock for her care, support and kindness, as well as Dr. Christine Chen and her team at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and the Palliative Care Team.

A memorial mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 17th at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church (1810 Queen Street E., Toronto). Jack's family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Good Shepherd Centre (412 Queen Street E., Toronto, ON, M5A 1T3, [www.goodshepherd.ca](http://www.goodshepherd.ca)), where Jack and Ann have volunteered for many years.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Church  
1810 Queen Street East  
Toronto, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Ann,  
It shocked me when Amy told me the terrible news a few minutes ago, please do accept our sincere condolences to you and your family. We all love Jack. Even though we've just met a few times, his kindness and passionate have left happy memories and great influences to us, for which we would never forget him.  
It's a pity Jack didn't make it to pay a visit to China. Nevertheless, there are people here who loved him, for which I hope he will find a little comfort in Heaven.  
Ann, please be healthy and as kind and beautiful as only you can be, we all miss you.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Amy

from Beijing, China

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Kevin Mi - January 31, 2012 at 01:23 AM

ME

“ Melanie lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Austin (Jack) Walsh



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Melanie - December 17, 2011 at 05:45 PM

ME

“ Dear Maryann,

*My sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. He seemed like a pretty amazing man! My prayers and thoughts to you and your family during this time.*

*Melanie McCourt*

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**Melanie** - December 17, 2011 at 05:44 PM

RC

“ Ann, please accept my most sincere condolences to you and your family. Jack was a special person you met once and you never forgot. He had and spent significant energy in what he believed in. His contribution to DuPONT and DIPAC will never be forgotten.

*When I'll think of him I'll remember our meetings at the "Farm".*

*Rolando Cecchini*

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**Rolando Cecchini** - December 17, 2011 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ Dear Ann and Family

*I have many good memories of working with Jack at DuPont Canda over many years. He was an intelligent, vigorous, results-oriented man who "got things done," wherever he was. Our sympathies to you and to his family.*

*Jim & MaryIn Stewart*

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**Jim Stewart** - December 17, 2011 at 08:53 AM

SA

“ Dear Ann,

*Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sylvia Ayliffe*

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**Syvia Ayliffe** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Barbara and I send our profound sympathies and deepest condolences to Ann and the beautiful Walsh family. Jack was a dear friend from high school days, a fellow skier and golfer, a fine family man, an outstanding executive, a generous contributor to the community, above all else, a fun person whenever he was with you. We shall miss him so much. - a life well lived by a great person.*

*Barbara and Gerry Dunnigan*

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**Gerald G. Dunnigan** - December 16, 2011 at 07:43 PM

NC

“ *Hi Maryann - Sorry to here about your Dad passing away. Your family at St. Ignatius is thinking and praying for you and your family.*  
*Neil*

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**Neil Colaco** - December 16, 2011 at 04:12 PM

PM

“ I have only known Jack for a very short time since recently joining the Board that he was championing for the protection of pensioners and pension plans in his role as VP for the Ontario arm of the Canadian Federation of Pensioners. I will greatly miss his direction, insight and his sharing of knowledge and wisdom in the complex world of pension and pension reform. He was truly a role model for me and I am sure for others on the CFP board. He was dedicated to the pursuit of focusing the government, it's bureaucrats, politicians and agencies toward the urgent need for protecting against the loss of pension benefits.

*We will miss you Jack.*

*Patrick Mousseau*

*Director, Chair Stelco Pension Advisory Committee ( Salary)/ SSPO  
Director*

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**Patrick Mousseau** - December 16, 2011 at 02:17 AM

SH

“ I know that I speak for so many in Montreal when I say we mourn the passing of a man who truly made a difference here in Montreal. His work on behalf of the Church and his great sense of community were some of his great qualities. I have wonderful memories of all the Walsh family and know you will continue to be touched by Jack's spirit.

*Monsignor Sean Harty*

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**Sean Harty** - December 15, 2011 at 04:00 PM

BA

“ Although I was late in meeting Jack by way of the Canadian Federation Pensioners, I was immediately impressed by his dynamicism, enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. His presence made each meeting an engaging experience. This along with his great knowledge of the subject and individuals involved resulted in a much of the progress made in improving security for senior citizens with defined benefit Pension Plans. There can be no doubt that he was greatly instrumental in the success of CFP. From my short acquaintance it was obvious that Jack was a major contributor to all the activities he undertook, while without doubt becoming a great friend with all those he met. Certainly he will be sorely missed.

*Bruce Aubin*

*Director, Chair Air Canada Pension & Benefits Committee*

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**bruce aubin** - December 15, 2011 at 02:36 PM

DC

“ My memories of Uncle Jack surrounds some of my finest childhood and adult memories. As a young boy, I was always excited for our trips to visit the Walsh clan in Canada. Upon arrival, after hours in the car, we could always count on an energy filled environment, full of laughter, love and people. Jack always seemed to find his way to the center of the activity and had a way of connecting with each person "where they were." As a boy younger than any of my cousins, Jack always seemed to have the time to spend talking with me. He seemed to have a knack for balancing a life of work with a family life, something I would not fully appreciate for years to come. I see Jack's legacy in each of my cousins, a gift that will live for generations to come.

Jack organized several fantastic family vacations enabling all the cousins to get together. From Maine to Montibello, we always gathered around the table at the most interesting and special places. Jack had a way of finding places that made everyone happy.

Jack, you will be missed, but never forgotten. We love you and look forward to communing again at God's table.

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David Coughlin - December 15, 2011 at 09:41 AM